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DoD Instruction (DoDI) 3003.01, *Department of Defense Support to Civil Search and Rescue (SAR)*, requires the Services to develop civil search and rescue policies, programs, and capabilities. This Directive establishes the policy for a coordinated civil SAR program within the Air Force to reduce the loss of life, suffering, and property damage caused during an emergency or incident. This Directive implements DoDI 3003.01, and is in alignment with Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 10-8, *Defense Support of Civil Authorities*. Submit proposed changes to this Directive through functional channels to the office of primary responsibility (OPR) using AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://www.my.af.mil/afrims/afrims/afrims/rims.cfm>. This publication applies to Air Force Active Duty, Air Force Reserve (AFR) and Air National Guard (ANG) units. This publication requires the collection and or maintenance of information protected by the Privacy Act (PA) of 1974. The authorities to collect and or maintain the records prescribed in this publication are Title 37 United States Code, Section 301a and Executive Order 9397, NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR FEDERAL ACCOUNTS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL PERSONS, November 22, 1943 as amended by Executive order 13478, October 31, 2008. Forms affected by the PA have an appropriate PA statement. System of records notice F011 AF XO A Aviation Resource Management System (ARMS) applies and is available at <http://privacy.defense.gov/notices/usaf>.

1. Policy. The United States Air Force (USAF) will provide support to civil SAR to the fullest extent practicable on a non-interference basis with primary military duties under the authorities set forth in, and in accordance with:

- 1.1. DoDI 3003.01, *DoD Support to Civil Search and Rescue*, 26 September 2011.
- 1.2. Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 3025.18, *Defense Support of Civil Authorities*, 29 December 2010.
- 1.3. Secretaries of the Departments of Defense, Interior, and Transportation; Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Chair of the Federal Communications Commission; "National Search and Rescue Plan of the United States," January 2007.
- 1.4. National Search and Rescue Committee, "United States National Search and Rescue Supplement (NSS) to the International Aeronautical and Maritime SAR Manual (IAMSAR)." 1.5. National Search and Rescue Addendum to the National Search and Rescue Supplement to the international Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual Version 2.0, November 2009.
- 1.6. AFPD 10-8, *Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA)*, 15 February 2012.

2. Responsibilities and Authorities.

- 2.1. The Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans, and Requirements (AF/A3/5) interprets and implements civil SAR policy and shall:
 - 2.1.1. Provide oversight and approval of guidance pertaining to USAF civil SAR.
 - 2.1.2. Designates the SAR mission coordinator as the civil SAR expert to serve, in close coordination with the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Prisoner for War/Missing Personnel Affairs (DASD (POW/MPA)), as a member of the Joint Search and Rescue Working Group that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) sponsor jointly.
- 2.2. Headquarters Air Combat Command (HQ ACC). In accordance with (IAW) AFPD 10-30, *Personnel Recovery*, Air Combat Command is the lead command for Personnel Recovery, and identified by Air Force senior leadership as the Core Function Lead Integrator (CFLI), to include civil SAR, and shall:
 - 2.2.1. Continue to provide appropriate instructor staff for the National Search and Rescue School for resident and field training in the areas of aeronautical and land civil SAR.
 - 2.2.2. Develop, maintain and sustain 24-hour operation of Joint Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking (SARSAT) Electronic Tracking system, a component of the Personnel Recovery Mission Software, ensuring its continuous availability to users and responder organizations, including maintaining the currency of the system's underlying software and web-enabled features as well as adequate system back-up and mirroring.
 - 2.2.3. Identify requirements, funding and manpower needed to operate fully functional Rescue Coordination Centers (RCCs) to promote efficient organization of SAR services, and coordinate the conduct of civil SAR operations within the inland U.S. Search and

Rescue Region (SRR) corresponding to the 48 contiguous States and Alaska, in accordance with the guidance in DoDI 3003.01, *DoD Support to Civil Search and Rescue*, 26 September 2011.

2.2.4. Provide funding, manpower and personnel services needed to operate a fully functional RCC to promote efficient organization of SAR services and coordinate the conduct of civil SAR operations within the inland U.S. SRRs corresponding to the 48 contiguous States, in accordance with the guidance in DoDI 3003.01, *DoD Support to Civil Search and Rescue*, 26 September 2011.

2.3. National Guard Bureau. IAW Program Change Request 93-03, Chief, National Guard Bureau shall provide funding, manpower and personnel services needed to operate a fully functional RCC to promote efficient organization of SAR services and coordinate the conduct of civil SAR operations within the inland U.S. SRRs corresponding to Alaska in accordance with the guidance in DoDI 3003.01, *DoD Support to Civil Search and Rescue*, 26 September 2011.

2.4. Headquarters Air Education and Training Command (HQ AETC). IAW AFPD 10-27, *Civil Air Patrol* (CAP), 29 July 2005, AETC shall:

2.4.1. Serve as the MAJCOM level force provider of CAP to the appropriate Combatant Commander and will provide program advocacy. AETC staff will provide programmatic support for CAP. AETC/LGC is authorized to approve and take all other appropriate actions with respect to CAP's Cooperative Agreement, consistent with statutes, program guidance, and/or Air Force directives.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFMAN—Air Force Manual

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

AFRC—Air Force Reserve Command

AFSPS—Air Force Strategic Planning System

ANG—Air National Guard

ARC—Air Reserve Components

ARMS—Aviation Resource Management System

CAP—Civil Air Patrol

CFMP—Core Function Master Plan

CFLI—Core Function Lead Integrator

CISAR—Catastrophic Incident Search and Rescue

DASD—Deputy Assistant for the Secretary of Defense

DoD—Department of Defense

DoDD—Department of Defense Directive

DoDI—Department of Defense Instruction

DSCA—Defense Support of Civil Authorities

HQ ACC—Headquarters Air Combat Command

HQ AETC—Headquarters Air Education and Training Command

IAMSAR—International Aeronautical and Maritime SAR Manual

IAW—In Accordance With

ICAO—International Civil Aviation Organization

IMO—International Maritime Organization

MPA—Missing Personnel Affairs

NSP—National Search and Rescue Plan

NSS—National Search and Rescue Supplement

⁵ Available on the Internet at <http://www.imo.org/>

OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility

PA—Privacy Act

POW—Prisoner of War

RCC—Rescue Coordination Center

RDS—Records Disposition Schedule

SAR—Search and Rescue

SARSAT—Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking

SCF—Service Core Functions

SRR—Search and Rescue Regions

USAF—United States Air Force

USC—United States Code

Terms

Civil SAR—Search and rescue operations in the air, on the land, and on the water to assist persons and protect life in a permissive environment. Examples of these rescue scenarios include, but are not limited to, downed aviators, stranded sportsmen, lost boaters, and mass rescue operations.

Core Function Lead Integrators—SECAF/CSAF-designated leaders who serve as the principal integrators for their assigned SCFs and the corresponding CFMPs. CFLIs guide SCF maturation and SCF-related investments by orchestrating the development of SCF strategy in collaboration with key stakeholders across the Air Force, including HAF functionals, MAJCOMs and the Air Reserve Components (ARC).

DSCA—Support provided by U.S. Federal military forces, DoD civilians, DoD contract personnel, DoD Component assets, and National Guard forces (when the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Governors of the affected States, elects and requests to use those forces in title 32, U.S.C., status) in response to requests for assistance from civil authorities for domestic emergencies, law enforcement support, and other domestic activities, or from qualifying entities for special events. Also known as civil support.

Service Core Functions—SCFs delineate the appropriate and assigned core duties, missions, and tasks of the Air Force as an organization, responsibility for each of which is assigned to a CFLI. SCFs express the ways in which the Air Force is particularly and appropriately suited to contribute to national security. SCFs are an integral aspect of the AFSPS, and provide the framework for Air Force organizing, training, and equipping efforts, however, they do not necessarily express every aspect of what the Air Force contributes to the nation.